

**Amendments to the Claims**

This Listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 (original) A method for supplying bioavailable methionine to a cow, which comprises administering to the cow at least one of an ester of methionine, an ester of methionine amide, and an ester of the hydroxy analogue of methionine, or which comprises administering to the cow a salt of at least one of the esters.

Claims 2-28 (canceled).

Claim 29 (new): A method for supplying bioavailable methionine to a dairy cow, which comprises administering to the cow the methyl ester of methionine.

Claim 30 (new): A method as claimed in claim 29, wherein the methyl ester of methionine is administered to the cow by feeding to the cow a feed containing the methyl ester of methionine.

Claim 31 (new): A method of improving milk obtained from a dairy cow, which comprises supplying to the cow the methyl ester of methionine.

Claim 32 (new): A method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the improvement in the milk comprises increased protein content in the milk.

Claim 33 (new): A method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the improvement in the milk comprises increased fat content in the milk.

Claim 34 (new): A method of improving the condition of a cow, which comprises supplying to the cow the methyl ester of methionine.

Claim 35 (new): A method as claimed in claim 34, wherein the improvement in condition of the cow comprises improved fertility.

Claim 36 (new): A method as claimed in claim 34, wherein the improvement in condition of the cow comprises improved liver function.

Claim 37 (new): A method as claimed in claim 34, wherein the improvement in condition of the cow comprises an increase in energy.